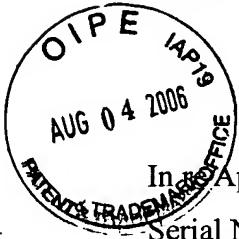


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In re Application: Smalley et al.
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to the Final Office Action (“Final Office Action”) having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 3, 2006. As said period has expired, accompanying this request is a petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, for a three-month extension of time and the necessary fee, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.